House Resolution No. 4641

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives always welcome the opportunity to acknowledge special events experienced by Show-Me State residents who have been blessed by exceptionally long and productive lives; and

Whereas, born on September 1, 1927, into the family of Orbie and Evelyn Harrington of Valliant, Oklahoma, Leolia Patricia Craig will celebrate her Eightieth Birthday with a gathering of family members and friends at the Green Castle Lions Club building on September 1, 2007; and

Whereas, after an enjoyable childhood filled with all types of educational and rewarding activities, the former Pat Harrington established a family of her own through her joyful marriage to Clarence Merl Craig, now deceased, who loved and cherished her with all of his heart; and

Whereas, the marital union of Pat and Clarence Craig has been blessed with wonderful children, Connie Kay Clerkin and Bobby Merl Craig; four grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, Pat Craig enjoys an excellent reputation as a homemaker and substitute teacher who is a member of Alpha Chapter of Pi Omega Pi; is the co-founder of Green Castle Rural Housing, which she served many years as president; was a Sullivan County Democratic Committeewoman for nearly forty years; is a fundraiser for charities; and is a member of Green City Assembly of God Church; and

Whereas, a vibrant part of the twenty-first century, Pat Craig enjoys a life that encompassed most of the twentieth century with the enduring American spirit through the Great Depression, the rise of the automobile as America's preferred mode of travel, the demise of the Soviet Union as the Cold War drew to a close, and the shift from a primarily agricultural economy to one dependent upon industry and then upon the service and information sectors; and

Whereas, it is fitting and proper that the Missouri House of Representatives should pause to commemorate momentous events in the lives of such stellar citizens as Leolia P. Craig:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the joyous arrival of the Eightieth Birthday of Leolia Patricia Craig and to convey to her this legislative body's heartiest congratulations upon attaining such a rare milestone in life and our best wishes for many more celebratory events in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in honor of Leolia Patricia Craig of Green Castle, Missouri.

Offered by

Representative Rebecca Payne McClanahan

District No. 2

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4641, adopted September 5, 2007.